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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stapleton *et al*.

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Examiner: Nelson C. Yang

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For: REGULATION OF NITRIC OXIDE

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SEQUENCE LISTING NOTICE DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

Mail Stop Sequence Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of four months to and including February 29, 2004 in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement and Sequence Listing Notice dated September 29, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a four month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

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overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4050.00900.

Respectfully submitted,

Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Customer No. 23720

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Date: February 25, 2004